

I am the good Shepherd.

John 10:11

The Shepherd

I AM THE DOOR OF THE SHEEP. John 10:7.

The good Shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

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First Sunday in Lent THE CHRISTIAN'S JOY

Luke 10:17-20

"Rejoice that your names are written in heaven." Many do not want to become Christians because they think that such a life is without joy. The truth is that the Christian life gives the only satisfying joy. The experiences of the Seventy spoken of in our text bear this out.

I. There is joy in Christian service. The seventy had joy in being sent out as servants of Christ. It is usually easy to recognize a great joy in the lives of those who have consecrated their lives to the service of Christ. Have you not noticed this in missionaries speaking about the work on the foreign fields?

Even to suffer in this service is a joy. Peter and John were rejoicing one day that they were counted worthy to suffer for the Name." Acts 5:41. Paul and Silas sang praises to God while their feet were in stocks and their backs were bleeding. Acts 16:25. Jesus said, "Blessed are ye when men revile you and persecute you.... Rejoice and be exceeding glad." Matt 5:10-12.

There is joy in seeing how the Lord provides for His own. Jesus asked His disciples one day, "When I sent you forth without purse, and wallet; and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said, Nothing." Luke 22:35.

II. The Christian has joy in experiencing the power of Christ. There is power for the work. Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and make disciples.... and lo I am with you alway even unto the end of the world." The power is not in us but in Christ. Paul found this out. Therefore he said, "When I am weak then I am strong." II Cor. 12:10.

There is joy over the power to meet the enemy of our souls. Jesus said, "Behold I give you authority.... over all the power of the enemy." Our enemy is more powerful than we are. But we need not suffer defeat. If we use the power he has given us. We can rejoice because Christ has won for us eternal victory. Read Rev. 12:10-12.

In this warfare against "all the power of the enemy" we have wonderful resources. He promised, "Nothing shall in any wise hurt you." Many Christians have suffered and even died for their faith. It looks dangerous to be a Christian. But the persecutions did hurt them. Death for them became an "entrance into life." "All things work together for good to them that love God." The strife becomes severe for the person that is wholly on Jesus's side. But the assurance that "as thy days so shall thy strength be" gives courage. Where human power is most helpless there is help in the name of Jesus. "Even the demons are subject unto us in thy name."

There is joy for the Christian when others have their names recorded in heaven. Therefore it is their joy to so live that others may learn to know Jesus.

III. There is joy in Christian service, there is joy in Christian power, but the great reason for joy is to know that our names are written in heaven. There is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth. We can be sure that such an event is also recorded and remembered up there.

That gives us eternal citizenship and eternal riches. When you get your name in a certain book in a bank you receive the right to issue cheques. Your name written in heaven gives you sonship and access to an inheritance up there.

Our names were written in heaven at our baptism. It can be blotted out. Is your name there now? If not then come back to the covenant God made with you in baptism. Come in repentance and faith. Take Him at His word. God wants you as a son and heir. There can be no greater joy.

—J. S. S.



A Generous Gift

The late John Honerud of Southey, Sask., Bequeath a generous gift to the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada for Christian Elementary Education.

John Honerud, one of the last chartered members of Lunner Lutheran congregation, died April 5th 1943 in his home at Southey, Sask. A short write-up was given in the Shepherd in May 1943. However being asked by the Editor of the Shepherd to write something in connection with the above generous gift, I am pleased to do so.

Mr. Honerud was the first settler in the so-called Lunner district. He settled there in 1903. More and more came and took homestead and soon there was a flock of children. Even though Mr. Honerud always remained single, he took great interest in education of the children "a children's friend." He walked from house to house and talked with the settlers the need of a public school district. Yes he even walked 40 miles to Regina to plead the cause before the Dept. of Education. His labor brought result and blessing to the settlers ever after. From the very beginning to the day he passed over to the Triumphant Church above he was an outstanding supporter of Lunner Church.

In his last will he bequeath stated sums to relatives and \$1000 to Lunner Lutheran congregation to be invested and the interest of same be used for Christian Elementary Education in the congregation.

Regarding the above gift it is thus stated: "All the residue of my estate I Devise And Bequeath to the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada in trust to invest the same in such investments as are authorized by the law of the various provinces in Canada for the investment of trust funds and to use the income derived therefrom in the Christian Elementary Education of the children in the said Church.

And I Further Direct that the said monies bequeathed to the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada in this my will shall be used for the purpose above set out in the Norwegian Lutheran Church in Canada, and shall not, under any circumstances be used for the purposes of the Norwegian Lutheran Church in the United States of America."

The said estate has now been settled according to the will. A cash balance to the amount of \$4,069.96 has been turned over to the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada to be used as specified in the will. There is further 3 quarters of land sold on bushel plan agreement that will possible bring, in time, this generous gift close to total of \$20,000.00.

The gift I am sure will be a source of great blessing to the future young people of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of Canada.

I deem it great blessing to have had such a man for my personal friend for 35 years. God bless the gift and blessed be John Honerud's memory.

H. L. Urness.

POST-WAR MISSIONS

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ROBERT I. GLOVER

Revolutionary methods in missionary advance are certain to follow the war. Read what Dr. Glover, perhaps the greatest living missionary statesman predicts.

The outbreak of the present world war saw the missionary enterprise at the most advanced stage it had ever reached. The goal of the church's God-given task of carrying the gospel to the whole world, while still a considerable distance off, was nearer and more clearly in view than ever before.

Among contributory factors may be mentioned: (1) the cumulative effect of past missionary efforts; (2) the very wide expansion of the field and work of missions; (3) the great increase in the translation and circulation of the Scriptures; and (4) the steady development of indigenous churches and leadership.

Thus when the present war began, the missionary movement had reached its very zenith of opportunity, advance, and achievement for all time.

Note the salient factors to be reckoned with when the long-prayed-for end of the war comes, and the door swings open for resumption of full missionary activity.

Favoring Factors

Better opportunities than ever of reaching and influencing the peoples of most mission lands will confront us because of the favor missionaries have won by their splendid ministry to the temporal and spiritual needs of those peoples during the war. Moreover, the sufferings and losses of the war period have had a chastening effect and made hearts more susceptible to the gospel message.

A remarkable change in this respect has come over even the educated class in China. Hitherto proud, materialistic, and anti-foreign, they are now seeking friendly relations with the missionaries and showing a genuine spirit of inquiry into Christian truth.

In Latin America a similar increased respect for the evangelical missionary and an open-mindedness to his message are in evidence. Of vital significance also is the fact that the supreme rulers and other high officers of State in several mission lands are confessed Christians and openly sympathetic with missionary work.

The phenomenal advance in means of transportation and increase of material facilities of every kind constitute a factor of tremendous value. New railroads and motor highways have been constructed in all parts of the world. God has even used the bitter enemies of His missionary cause to contribute unwittingly to it. Take the case of the building of a military road in Ethiopia by the Italians. This has reduced the journey to a southern section of the field there from forty-one days to three, and the instance of a road cut by the Japanese military through the impenetrable jungle of Malaya.

Still more revolutionary is the multiplication of airways. *It has actually been predicted that soon no point on the globe will take over forty-eight hours to reach by air.*

The steady trend toward unification of languages is another feature advantage. It is stated that in Africa a gradual change is in process, accelerated by the war, from tribal to trade languages, by which that continent's 557 tribal languages will sooner or later be largely supplanted by four trade tongues, *with seventy per cent of the people speaking some one in four.*

Opposing Factors

It is not to be thought for a moment that with the reopening of the door for worldwide missionary effort the opposition of Satan will have ceased.

Be certain that it will increase, and the devil is doubtless even now mustering his

TOPICS OF INTEREST

A Neutral Admission

"O, to go to church doesn't hurt anyone." What worker in the Kingdom has not received that vague admission from some careless individual in response to an invitation to attend church!

— Yes, a vague admission, but one easy to hide behind. It might be taken to be emphatic, but likely it is just a very bare admission. — Enough of an admission to be polite, but not enough to make church-going a matter of any serious concern. It places a worldly estimate on church attendance that does Satan's Kingdom little harm and God's Kingdom little good.

It admits too little. Far too little, because it admits so little power to God's Word, which is preached in church. "To go to church doesn't hurt anyone." Surely those who make this neutral admission have not embraced God's estimate of His Word as recorded by Jeremiah, "Is not my Word like fire? saith Jehovah; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?" Surely they cannot testify with Paul, "The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Surely the truth of Christ's own words have not been received by them, "Ye are clean through the Word that I have spoken unto you." Let us not dishonor God's Word and Church with such neutral admissions.

To say that it will not hurt anyone, is also admitting too much. "The Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." Will the selfrighteous and the sinner not be hurt by the Word? Can they remain at ease while this Sword of the Spirit probes into their innermost souls to lance out the wickedness within? To go to church may hurt, but thank God, it is a hurting to heal and to save. But let every hearer of the Word beware lest he inflict eternal injury on himself by hardening himself to resist the hurting, lancing, saving and healing Word and thus permit the mortal infection of sin to run its course unto eternal death.

—A. K. H.

forces for a new and vigorous assault upon the forces of Christ.

There will be commercialism with its tendency to turn hearts away from the quest after spiritual things by the counter attractions of money and worldly pleasure. There will be a tremendous new flood of "civilized" vices pouring into the open doors — rum, narcotics, gambling, harlotry, lewd picture shows and other evils, as well as every form of false and corrupted religion and philosophy. There will be the baneful influence of the new and intimate contact of Orientals and Africans with Western soldiery and its shameful display of loose morals.

All these things together will be a powerful force competing with Christianity for the mind and heart of the newly awakened peoples of mission lands.

Communism, too, is sure again to raise its ugly head in the Far East as another grave menace, while Romanism is likely to put up a new fight for the exclusion of evangelicals from Latin America and other priest-ridden lands.

These factors present a tremendous challenge to the missionary forces and to the home church that stands behind them. It must be met with utmost promptness and vigor. *Anything less than full preparedness, or any delay in putting the called-for new plans and measures into action will mean inevitable setbacks and irrecoverable loss.*

The greatest concern first consideration, both to the missionary forces in the field and to the administrative agencies at home, should be the still remaining unoccupied areas.

Faith and Fellowship.

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A Chinese Church in Canada

"Will you come over to our church and speak tomorrow night?" I was sitting in Exchange Restaurant at Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, Saturday noon, November 24th, 1945. The Chinese proprietor, Mr. George Wong, addressed me.

"I shall be glad to as soon as I am through with the services in Rev. J. R. Groettum's church," I replied. "His services start at 7 o'clock."

Sunday night Reverend Groettum and I went to the Chinese church. It was 9 o'clock. Services were on. The church was a part of a large residence used exclusively for the Chinese congregation. The auditorium was the full length of the house consisting of both the dining room and the parlor. The arrangement of the auditorium was very churchly, pulpit, piano and rows of chairs on both sides of an aisle.

The pastor, Chas. Da-chen, a Chinese, educated in China, was in the midst of his sermon. He closed abruptly as we arrived. I was introduced as the speaker they had expected. A hymn in Chinese was sung with the pastor's wife at the piano. Then I was asked to speak. The audience were all Chinese, men, women and children. Everyone sat very attentive and enjoyed a brief message.

At the close of the services I was introduced and all were happy to meet me as I had recently returned from China. Pastor Groettum and I were shown the place and also the school in an adjoining building. The school room was equipped with modern desks, a large blackboard and numerous other items of modern school equipment, a good indirect light, and a central heating system. The pastor explained that Chinese classes were held daily from seven to nine in the evening and that the church and the school were operated by Chinese living in Moose Jaw. The pastor served three other congregations as well.

Mr. Wong then invited Rev. and Mrs. Groettum, the pastor and a Chinese merchant to his restaurant. It was 10 o'clock in the evening. There were approximately fifteen people on duty. The crowd was so great that the restaurant door was closed at certain intervals. Mr. Wong asked us into his private dining room in the rear and ordered a delicious Chinese meal. While the meal was prepared, he took us to the kitchen, which was clean and most modern, equipped with the latest kitchen equipment. We were also taken by an elevator to his basement supply house. The supply of potatoes, vegetables as well as meat was exceptionally large.

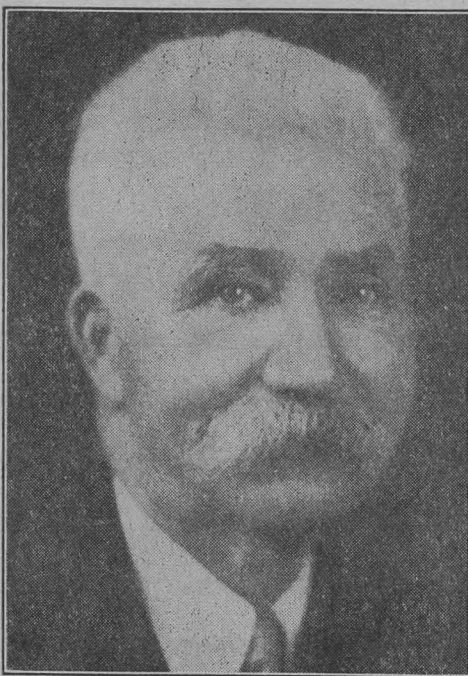
During the course of the meal Mr. Wong explained that he, together with three other businessmen, had located in Moose Jaw in 1913, the year I went to China. Mission work was started among them by a Protestant pastor and in the course of a few years, a Chinese pastor from China arrived and Christian instruction had been maintained during the years.

—A. A.

It is easier to remove tyrants and destroy concentration camps than it is to kill the ideas which gave them birth and strength.

—Harry S. Truman, President of the United States.

Troen er en Guds Gjerning i os, som forandrer Hjertet og søder os paany af Gud og gjør os til andre Mennesker. —Luther.



Syver L. Dagsgard

Mr. Syver Larson Dagsgard, a member of Central Lutheran Church, Edmonton, M. S. Johnson, Pastor, passed away at his home on Dec. 22, 1945. The funeral was on Dec. 27 with Pastor Johnson in charge.

Mr. Dagsgard was born in Sjaak Gulbrandsdalen, Norway on Dec. 6, 1862.

In 1877 he came to the United States with his mother and sister and settled at Newman Grove, Nebraska. There he was in business as a general merchant for years. While there he met and married Miss Hannah Westby on Jan. 19, 1886. Eight of their children were born there. They emigrated to Canada in May, 1904 and settled on a farm west of St. Albert, Alta. Two of their children were born there.

Mr. Dagsgard was active in the affairs of the community, having been school secretary and treasurer for over 35 years in communities where he lived.

Mr. and Mrs. Dagsgard celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, Jan. 18, 1935. Jan. 19, 1946 would have been their diamond wedding anniversary.

For the last eight years of his life Mr. Dagsgard was an invalid. Trusting in Christ only as Lord and Savior he came to the end of his journey on Dec. 22.

His passing has been deeply felt by his family and a large circle of friends.

News From Vancouver

The Shepherd is becoming well known and read among our membership from the "prairie". It is bringing us closer to the rest of our Canadian Lutherans.

At our last annual meeting Rev. A. H. Solheim was called as our pastor. He has kindly accepted and will move into our parsonage soon. We pray that God will richly bless his ministry among us. Since Rev. Aasen left last September Rev. Solheim has been our Acting pastor.

We had the privilege of hearing the Concordia Choir from Moorhead under the leadership of Paul Christiansen, on February 6. This event was sponsored by all the Lutheran Churches of Vancouver. The Choir of 64 voices sang to an audience of approximately 1700 in the St. Giles Church. The flawless and reverent rendition of sacred music is a treat that will be long remembered by our people and other music lovers of the city.

—Agnes Kerr.

Hvor meget skulde ikke kunde utrettes om menneskene var forstandige! Om Kristi disipler istedenfor at forakte og klandre hverandre, optraadte enig og broderlig, hvor meget større fremgang skulde ikke da missionen faa.

—Mackay.

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The Associated Temperance Forces are soliciting applications for the position of Executive Secretary. Applications to be sent to

Rev. N. R. T. BRAA, President
Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

What is the World's Greatest Need Today?

As we look about us in the world today there is one question which presses itself to the foreground. It is this, "What is the world's greatest need?" It is the same as it always has been. For some time it has seemed that its greatest need has been forced into the background by our constant hope for world peace. But now that hostilities have ceased there is still a prominent need for the world. It is the readjustment back to normal peace-time living and reconstruction of the ruined parts of the world. Yes, that is indeed a task before us, but should that go on without also the spiritual re-construction? Is it not true that the reason why so much has gone wrong in the world is that there has been so rapid strides made in scientific research and developments with the apparent lack of the same emphasis on the spiritual development that the world has become somewhat lopsided? We have become head-heavy but heart and soul light. We are a little afraid that an over-developed scientific world, which lacks God consciousness, is very dangerous. Godliness must keep pace with material development if it shall be safe. We have seen how this has worked out during the past years. What will all the unrest brooding all over the world today bring? We said that the greatest need today is the same as it always has been. What then, is its greatest need? May I state it as plainly as possible: What the world needs most of all today is a *Return to the Lord with deep repentance of sin, both individually and collectively.*

When Israel had made the greatest blunder of their national existence in rejecting their Messiah, who was sent her by God, He spoke to her through Peter in these words, "Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that there may come seasons of refreshing from the presence of the Lord." Acts 3:19. And the words of the Lord in 2 Chron. 7:14 are just as much to the point, "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked Ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." How much of this turning to God do we see today? We would have expected it after this war, but alas, what alarming ungodliness we witness! Drunkenness and immorality flourish and is not blushed at even by so-called respectable people. Instead of becoming interested in eternal blessings that God has in store for them the majority is fast falling for the many temptations of attractive character concocted by the Devil.

Any country or people must seek God if they shall fare well. Matt. 6:33. Was it not the evangelical preaching which saved England the horror of the French revolution? We all know that our early forefathers worshipped God, and America rose to great prominence in the world. "Righteousness exalts a nation", says the Scriptures. God blessed America in a marvelous way when its people were open to the preaching of repentance. Look at the blessings which came through Wesley, Moody and others, not to forget her Christian statesmen. Even till today we honor those great Christian preachers and statesmen, but often forget their God who made them great and a blessing to coming generations. Friends, we simply got to get back to the old path of Godfearing citizens or take the bitter consequences! I for one am convinced that the lack of the fear of God that our forefathers had has had its big share in bringing us into all the widespread misery and suffering of late years, and if we don't halt on our evil ways and turn to God still more punishment will come upon us!

The Gospel is the only hope of the world! But if people do not care for it what hope have we? Political parties cannot save us. I saw some time ago a united voice of criminologists "What our country needs is the old faith of our fathers and the respect of God's house!" If the church is awake to its real mission it stands for spiritual realities in life, and makes no apologies for it. It stands for public recognition of our need of God and fellowship with Him. It stands for a place where men and women's souls rise up to lay hold on heavenly things, bringing peace to troubled souls, for it is God's or the Holy Spirit's workshop on earth. The Holy Spirit has so often been grieved by our spiritual lukewarmness. We need an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that we may have a real awak-

ening and turning unto God! That is the world's greatest need today

—S. J. Rude.

Missionaries to Alaska

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Odland have been called by the Board of the Federated Young People's Societies of America to serve as missionaries at Naknek, Alaska. This organization has been given a two-roomed house and a church with furnishings if they will engage workers for this field. The work will be evangelistic, Sunday School, and general soul winning work. The Odlands plan to leave soon and will have to travel from Vancouver by plane. The Shepherd joins with others in wishing them God's blessing in their new field of service.

Tanker Andgaaende Daaben, Konfirmationen og Nadverden

Jeg vil skrive et stykke i Hyrden om Daaben, Konfirmationen og Nadverden. Der er en del misforstaaelse om daaben iblandt det lutherske kirkefolk. Det er Gud selv som har bestemt at et lidet barn skal døpes thi Gud siger, "Gaa ud i al verden og gjør alle folkeslag til disiple idet i døper dem i Faderens, Sonnens, og den Helligaands navn og lærer dem at holde alt det jeg har befalet eder." Mange døper sine barn men saa glemmer de at lære barna frelsesveien. Kanske barna ikke faar høre Guds ord for det skal lese for presten. Kanske mange foreldre lever udenom samfundet med Gud og gaar paa den brede vei. Hvorledes kan saadanne foreldre vise barna felsesveien? Det er umuligt og det er grunden at saa mange gaar paa den brede vei som fører til fortabelse. At undervise barna i Guds ord, det har foreldrene glemt bort. Holder saadant paa blir det bare nedenskab av alt. Vaagn op for det bliver for sent! Begynd at bede til Gud for barna og for eder selv, foreldre.

Der er somme som siger at et lidet barn er et Guds barn naar det er født, men det er ikke sandt. Alle har syndet og fattes Guds ere. Alle er undfangne og født i synd. Andre siger at Guds rike hører barna til, men barna maa blive fødte paa ny og det kan skje kun ved daaben, thi daaben er gjenfødselsens bad som skjer ved den Helligaand.

Hvor snart et barn falder bort ifra Gud, det er ikke saa godt at si. Det gaar an at bli staaende i sin daabspagt. Jeg tror at ogsaa for dem maa der skje en omvendelse.

Saa lidt om konfirmationen. Der er mange om ikke har noget tilovers for konfirmationshandlingen, men jeg tror det er en Guds befaling. Barna faar velge hvem de vil tjene. Det vanskelige er at mange fristes til at utsette med at ta skridtet for Gud. Ja sliig kan djevelen bedrage menneskene. Jeg mente at jeg skulde holde konfirmationsløftet men det blev ikke. Jeg vandret mange aar paa syndens vei. Men løftet fra Guds side stod fast. Gud modtager den bodferdige synder som vender om fra syndens vei og blir frelst.

Saa lidt om nadverden. Det raader heller ikke fuld enighet her. Kun de som er omvendt faar komme til nadverden. Jesus instiftet det for sine disiple. At blande sammen kristne og ugudelige er ikke efter bibelen.

Nadverden er ikke et frelses middel, men den giver den kristne mer kraft og drager ham nærmere Gud. Slki ser jeg paa nadverden og jeg tror det er efter Guds ord.

—Hans Nilsen,

Betania Gamlehjem, Bawlf, Alta.

Mother's Bible Hour

No longer am I a babe in arms
Or a child at my Mother's knee.
They say I outgrew this year's ago,
Yet, I long for her sympathy.

I long to sit in a quiet nook
With Mother by my side,
The "Book of Books" she holds
The page is open wide.

She reads His Word in her quiet way,
The dearest Friend is near,
For the Saviour has entered the room
And the cares of the day disappear.

Thus Spirit-filled our hearts rejoice
He has revealed His power.
There is no time I long for
As Mothers Bible Hour.

—Thora Rasmussen Skov,
Astoria, Ore.

Jeg er den gode Hyrde.

Joh. 10:11

THE SHEPHERD Hyrden

JEG ER DØREN TIL FAARENE. Joh. 10:7.

Den gode Hyrde setter sit

liv til for faarene.

Joh. 10:11

Winnipeg, Manitoba., Første Nr. i March, 1946

TILBAKE I SKYGGEDALEN

2 søndag i faste - Markus 9:17-29

Flyet kommer ned til jorden. Mens Mesteren var oppe paa Forklarelsens berg, hadde de ni som var blitt igjen i dalen, misslyktes i aa heldrede en besatt gutt. Dette var et særlig ondartet tilfelle. De hadde utført helbredelser før, men denne-gang var der en særlig årsak til deres fallitt: *de hadde glemt aa be.* Paa mekanisk vis kunne de ikke kurere gutten, og de undret seg over sin maktløshet lik en general som til tider ikke kan forstaa sitt nederlag. Resultatet ble at det skaptes vantro paa alle sider. Vantro hos de skriftlærde som brukte disiplenes avmakt til aa nedsette deres Mester, vamtro hos guttens far, og det sørgeligste: vantro ogsaa i disiplenes hjerter. Vi forstaa derfor Jesu utrop: Du vantro slekt! Hvilken motsetning til opplevelsen paa berget. Og der er bedrøvelse og hellig harme i dette Herrens ord over den forventde slekt. Ogsaa en lengsel etter den himmelske luft.

Men for Jesu makt maatte djevelen straks vike. Det var paa den ene side en alvaarlig paaminneelse til disiplene, men paa den annen side ble ansvaret for guttens helbredelse lagt paa hans far, til selvprøvelse for ham og for de mange som stod omkring. Guttens far hadde aapenbart sett paa Jesus som en av de alminnelige djevlebesvergere. Det ligger i hans ord: . . . om du formaar noget, saa ha medynk med oss og hjelp oss!

Og da er det Jesus legger ansvaret tilbake paa ham selv. "Om jeg formaar? — Alt er mulig for den som tror." Muligheten for hjelp beror ikke bare paa Kristi makt, men aandelig talt ogsaa paa hva vi kan, d.v.s. om der er tro nok til aa motta hjelpen. Naar det blir klart for oss, da blir ogsaa saken dess mer alvaarlig. For vi kan altsaa selv forspille hjelpen og hindre Guds kraft. For hver ærlig sjel blir det da aa kjempe og be seg til tro. DET gjorde ogsaa guttens far. Ivrig, fryktsom, gjorde han det meste av sin lille tro og ropte til Jesus: Jeg tror; hjelp min vantrol! For aa sikre sitt barns helbredelse, la han til en bønn om forøkelse av sin tro som ikke fortjente noe annet navn enn vantro. Der var ydmykhet, der var kamp i dette utrop. Og herlig aa legge merke til: Jesus hjalp hans svake tro. Dog maatte vantrens aand drives ut av farens hjerte før den onde aand kunne drives ut av guttens legeme. Tross farens hjerteskjærende bønn, tok det sin tid. Slik ogsaa idag: mye mørkt og sørgelig ondt maa ligge aa vente til Gud kan danne hjertene til aa tro paa Jesus.

Vi, Jesu disipler idag maa ofte erfare den samme svie som disiplene kjente dengang, naar vi tidt staar makteløse overfor syndens makt til aa binde mennesker. La oss da ydmyke oss under Jesu ord til dem og til oss: For eders vantros skyld. Vi kan nok ha den personlige, frelsende tro, som om den enn er svak kan motta Guds hjelp, men være uten den kraftig virkende tro som Kristus kan bruke til aa vinne de store seire for sitt rike ogsaa i det ytre.

Men den seirende tro, som kan utrette de store ting for Gud og mennesker, den fantaserer og spekulerer vi oss ikke til. Den lever og ber vi oss til. Det var Jesu svar: Dette slag kan ikke drives ut uten ved bønn og faste. Bønnens betyrt det sind som i tro trenger seg inn til Gud. Faste det hjerte som i forsakelse vender seg bort fra alt det som hører verden og kjødet til, og som vil trellebinde vaart trosliv og gjøre det kraftløst. Naa er vi jo i fasten. Den skal mane til dyp, alvaarlig selvprøvelse. Og dette Jesu ord roper til oss aa gaa framover i større seierstro. Paulus taler om den særlige, mektige tro som en av Aandens naadegaver. Dess større framgang vi som kristne gjør i seirende tro, dess, mindre lar vi oss skremme av mørkets makt idag.

Det er et herlig bilde dette evangelium viser oss av Jesus; han staar der med seier. Han er den mektige Frelser som alle onde aander maa bøye seg for, baade de i himlen, de paa jorden og de under jorden, mørkets urene aander. La saa vaart øye stadig være vendt paa vaar seirende Frelser, til vaar tro paa hans kraft kan fylle

LITT SJELESORG

Spørsmål:

Jeg vil saa gjerne være en sand kristen, ti jeg anser de kristne for de lykkeligste mennesker i verden. De har det saa godt, ti de kan gaa til Gud med alt det der møter dem i livet, og de har faatt bringe al sin synd til ham og har faat ta imot det deilige ord, at deres mange synder er forladte. De har det godt her og de har et herligt haap om en gang at faa være med Gud i de himmelske sale. Jeg synes at de har det saa godt, og jeg lenges saa efter at faa det paa samme maate, men jeg kommer ingen vei. Jeg gaar og bærer paa min synd og jeg kjender dommen henger over mig. Jeg kan aldri faa det riktig godt med Gud. Jeg kommer aldri lenger, end at jeg lenges efter fred med Gud. Skulde døden komme til mig nu medens jeg er i denne tilstand, da er der vel ikke haap for mig. Jeg maa vel gaa fortapt?

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Svar:

Da jeg leste igjennem dette spørsmål, tenkte jeg ved mig selv: Tenk om vi hadde mange i vore menigheter, som hadde det slik, da skulde det være deiligst at være prest og sjelesørger og riktig maa sitte ned og tale om dette som denne sjel lengter saa efter. Der er kanskje flere i vore menigheter som har det paa samme maate, og derfor er det mig en glede at si litt om denne hjertetilstand.

Det første jeg vil si er, at du har faatt det rette indtrykk av hvad det er at være en sand kristen. Det er det deiligste av alt i verden. Tenk at faa være et Guds barn og en himmelens arving. Tenk at faa gaa til Gud med alt som møter en i livet og tenk hvor godt det er at faa bekjende sin synd for Gud og saa utav hans eget ord faa høre: Vær frimodig, dine synder er dig forladte. Det er værd mer end hele verden. Det er ingen der har det slik som Guds folk og det beste har de enda ikke opnaadd. Der staar jo en sabbatshvile tilbake for Guds folk. Jeg kan huske at som barn og ungdom saa hadde jeg det samme indtrykk av de troende. Dette indtrykk hadde en dragende makt paa mitt hjerte, saa jeg kunde aldri trives sammen med den verdslige masse. Det var alt saa tomt og kunde ikke gi hjertet fred. Nei, den som kunde riktig tilhøre den flokk som hadde gitt sitt hjerte til Herren og kunde fryde sig i frelsen i Kristus Jesus; men jeg syntes at det var nesten en umulighet at naa did noen gang.

Men tenk, kjære venn: Det er mulig. Det er mulig for dig at komme inn i den troende flokk og faa glede dig sammen med Guds folk. Leve lykkelig og faa en salig død.

Guds aand har faatt gjøre en stor gjer-ning i ditt hjerte. Den har vakt trang hos dig til at bli et Guds barn. Du vil saa gjerne komme. Du vil saa gjerne slutte dig til Guds folk. Du vil være et Guds barn. Du vil bort fra verden og synden. Du vil tilbake til Gud; men jeg forstaa at der er noe iveren. Det er synden din. Den staar hele tiden og truer dig, at du ikke kan komme; ti du har syndet og du kan ikke faa noen glede inn i ditt hjerte, men du kjender kun Guds dom over dig.

Men er det ikke underlig at han som du kjenner dømmet dig er nettop den samme som kaller dig at komme til sig. Han sier: Kom hit til mig, alle som strever og har det tungt, og jeg vil gi eder hvile. Du synes kanskje helst at han kunde si: Kom hit til mig, saa jeg kan straffe dig for din synd. Nei, det har han aldri sagt, men han vil si dig: Straffen blev lagt paa ham for at du skulde ha fred. Du kan trygt komme nettop som du er. Bare si som David: Herre, jeg har syndet, og det som er ondt i dine øine, har jeg gjort; og saa kan du føie til som tolderer, da han stod i templet. Han sa: Gud, vær mig syndet

oss selv med seierskrefter, mens vi følger ham gjennom fasten paa hans vei til herlig seier over alle syndens og dødens vonde vetter.

H. Arnholt Strand.

naadig. Jesus forteller at i det samme øieblikk han sa disse ord, da var Gud naadig, og han gikk retferdiggjort hjem til sitt hus.

Det er ikke noen feil at du kjender dommen over din synd. Det er nemlig Guds egen lov som dømmet dig, og der staar i vor barnelærdom at loven skal drive oss til Kristus. Naar vi da i vor nød kommer til Kristus, da favner han oss og sier: Jeg var dømt og straffet for din synd, for at du skal være fri. Nei, er jeg virkelig fri? sier du. Ja, virkelig fri, sier Jesus. Din skyld er betalt og du har faat dobbelt av Herrens haand for alle dine synder. Nei, er det slik, sier du, da er jeg frelst, og da er jeg et Guds barn og hører med til Guds folk. Da har jeg det ogsaa godt. Da er jeg lykkelig. Ja, da kan du synge: Tenk, hvilken lykke at dig tilhøre, takk, takk, at jeg fikk ogsaa være med. Nu maa du forsøke at slutte dig til Guds folk. Det er saa godt at faa plei de helliges samfund. De har det saa godt, de troende, naar de kan faa komme sammen om Guds ord og til bønn og samtale. Der er saa mange som nok tilhører Guds folk, men de gaar saa alene, og de synker ned i mismod og forsakthet og tilslutt vet de ikke hvor de er. De haaper at de hører Herren til, men de har saa liten glede av det, og de synes ikke at de kan være med at prise Gud og glede sig i Herren. Forsøk at finne en som du har tillit til og aappne ditt hjerte for denne, og du skal finne ut at det er velsignet at faa tale med et Guds barn om dine aandelige erfaringer.

Du som kanskje har det slik, vil du la mig faa et ord fra dig, om du har fundet din frelser, og at du nu kan si: Ja, det er i sandhet godt at faa komme til Gud og bli frelst. Tenk om alle mennesker vilde komme snart; ti det kan bli for sent, og det er at frykte at det vil bli for sent for mange; ti det mørknes alt mot evighetens natt.

S. H. Njaa.

DE ONDE MAKTER

Mark. 9, 17—29.

"Formaar du noe, saa ha medynk med os og hjelp os." Slik ba fordum en far, som kom til Jesus med gutten sin, som var mishandlet av det onde.

Det var en brutal aandsmakt som hadde grepet gutten. Den hadde først gjort ham stum, og siden søkte den leilighet til at faa ødelagt hans legeme ved at kaste har i ild og vand.

Det gaar klart frem av tekstordet som av flere andre Guds ord, at de onde makter ikke er fornøiet med bare at ødelegge menneskesjelen, men ogsaa menneskelegemet.

Og det er klart at hvis de kan faa ødelagt baade legeme og sjel, har de naaet sitt fulde maal med et stakkars menneske.

Det første disse mennesker gjør med et menneske er at lure det. Og da gjør de synden saa troskyldig og betydningsløs som mulig. Dermed sløves samvittigheten og den sjelelige tilstand glir ind i en haardere form. Til sidst er mennesket bundet som slave under vantro og synde- vanens makt.

Hver den som gjør synd er syndens trel — sa Jesus. Joh. 8, 34.

Du som til idag lever dit liv uten samfund med Gud, du der bundet av disse onde makter, enten det saa er med finere eller grovere baand.

Det som er om at gjøre for dem er, er at faa dig til at utsette med frelsen, saa lenge mulig. Ja, til det er evig for sent for dig. Saa du gjør vel imot dig selv, naar du ikke lar dig bedra av dem.

Deres oppgave er videre at gjøre det umulig for dig at tilegne dig Guds naade naar Aanden kalder dig.

Da oppleves det at den samme stemme som før sa: du er god nok som du er, — du er ikke større syndet end andre, der sier: for en slik syndet som dig findes der ikke naade.

Aa, hvor mange har ikke Satan faat til at gi op ved at fortelle, at der ikke var naade for dem.

Min ven, la mig faa si dig: han er løgneren og bedrageren, som har til hensikt at styrte sjelen ut i den ytterste nat. —

Naar Herren kalder dig da er der naade for dig.

At de onde makter paa en særskilt maate er virksomme i vore dage, er ikke at tvile paa.

De viser sin makt ved at sløve menneskene saa de nu mer end noen gang før, synes at kunne greie sig uten Gud og hans ord.

De gjør de gamle egenretfærdige og selv-sikre saa de lar det staa til, like ind i døden, uten at gjøre op sin sak med Gud, beropende sig: Gud er en naadig Gud.

De onde makter angriper Guds folk og gjør dem ofte maalløs, naar det gjelder aandelige ting. Maalløse i forsamling og det samme i private kristelige samvær.

Men saa snart det gjelder materielle ting, se da er møllen fort igang. Da er der ord, da er der talegaver nok. Det forteller om et fattige gudsliv.

De splitter ogsaa Guds folk op i partier og gjør dem egenkjærlige og partisyke. Og ofte greier de onde makter at drive mange ind i denne aandens mørke bakgate, hvor det lyder: min mission, min forening, det jeg har gjort. Det vi gjør, det er det rette og Gud velbehagelige, mens andres arbeide for Guds rike blir betraktet som værdiløst.

Det er de samme makter som jager folk mot folk, rike mot rike, hvor millionerne staar klar til at angripe hverandre. At sykehus fylles med saarede og døende fra fronterne og fra det civile liv paa land og hav. At byer legges i grus og tusenvis av hjem ødelegges og millioner maa flykte fra hjem og land og gaar under i nød og elendighet.

Ja, vi maa be: Herre, ha medynk med os og hjelp os.

Og der findes bare en redning for menneskene som jages saa brutalt av det onde. Og det er at rope til ham som sa: "Mig er git al makt i himmel og paa jord." Matt. 28, 18. —

Han kan løse hver syndebunden trel. Han kan øse trøst i hver bange sjel.

Saa blir det at komme til Jesus og la sig løse, enten det er for første eller anden gang.

Dersom vi bekjender, er han trofast, saa han forlater os synden.

Og vi blir frelst.

Joh. Fjeldstad.

Bønnens Kraft

Bønnen er den sterkeste, men mest forsømt av alle krefter som staar til den kristnes raadighet. Den opmuntres ved løfter som er talrike og mer absolutt end dem som er git i forbindels med hvilken som helst anden handling eller forret i den troends liv.

Og dog forholder det sig saa, at av alle et gudfryktig livs evner og muligheter er dette den som mindst er tat i sterk og kraftig bruk. Vi har ikke fordi vi ikke ber, og faar ikke fordi vi ber ilde. Hvorav kommer det at vi sist av alt og mindst av alt tar vor tilflukt til bøn i tider naar den enkelte, saavel som menigheten og nasjonen har sine kritiske øieblikke?

Dr. A. T. Pierson.

Kristendom og det Daglige Yrke

De legemlige krafter er gitt oss av Gud for aa brukes. De dovre forakter Guds gaver. Arbeidet skal ikke ses paa blott som en forbannelse efter syndefallet, men som en velsignelse. Ved arbeide vinner mennesket selhverredømme; kreftene vokser, karakteren utvikles. Derfor er de arbeidsløse aa beklage — baade de som gjerne vil bruke sine sunde krefter uten aa faa leilighet til det, og de rike som ikke vet hvad de skal faa tiden til aa gaa med. — Kristendom helliger arbeidet, idet mennesket der-ved blir Guds medarbeider. Vi skal være det som Skaperen sa til det første menneskepar: mennesker som gjør oss jorden underdanig.

Paul Nedergaard, Kjøbenhavn.

En trofast Mand jaar megen Velsignelse; men den som haster efter at bli rig, han blir ikke ustraffet.

BETHANY SUNSET HOME

Gifts in Cash

BAGLEY, SASK. — Mr. and Mrs. Gust Nelson, and Mr. and Mrs. Edw. Person, in memory of Mrs. H. A. Hanson \$3.00. Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Person, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Aasen in memory of Mr. Pete Young \$2.00.

BAWL, ALTA. — Mrs. G. A. Anderson and family \$1.00; Mr. John Ness \$1.00; Mr. and Mrs. Zemlicka \$1.00; in memory of Clarence Broughton.

CAMROSE, ALTA. — Mr. A.H. Olson in memory of Fred Olson of Wetaskiwin, Alta. \$1.00. Camrose L.D.R., Rev. A. M. Vinge, Pastor, \$10.00.

CROOKED RIVER, SASK. — (Helping Hand Ladies Aid) \$5.00.

ENCHANT, ALTA. — Mrs. Rena Otteson \$5.00.

FRONTIER, SASK. — Bethel Ladies Aid \$5.00.

HAY LAKES, ALTA. — Mr. and Mrs. E. Lofgren, in memory of Mrs. E. Schlinder \$2.00.

PARKSIDE, SASK. — Mrs. J. Thompson \$3.00. Parkside, Birthday Box \$7.28.

PRINCE ALBERT, SASK. — Rev. and Mrs. T. J. Dahle, in memory of George Kelly (Building Fund) Outlook, Sask., \$2.

SASKATOON, SASK. — Zion Lutheran Sunday School, Dr. Storaasli, pastor (Building Fund) \$42.00. Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid \$10.00.

TOFIELD, ALTA. — Mr. and Mrs. Eric Johnson in memory of Mr. Halvorson of Provost, Alta. 1.00.

TORQUAY, SASK. — Axel Vinge in loving memory of his wife and daughter Clara \$100.00.

BENTLEY, ALTA. — Mrs. Ree gift of several books.

MIDALE, SASK. — Lutheran Ladies Aid \$5.00.

MOSSBANK, SASK. — Lake Johnston Ladies Aid \$2.00.

MACOUN, SASK. — Bethany Ladies Aid \$5.00.

MAXIM, SASK. — Immanuel Ladies Aid \$5.00.

VALHALLA, ALTA. — Valhalla Ladies Aid \$15.00.

ROLLA, B.C. — Doe Creek Ladies Aid \$10.00.

Sister Marie Weiks.

*"Looking off unto Jesus, my spirit is blest;
In the world I have turmoil, in Him I
have rest;
The sea of life all about me may roar;
When I look unto Jesus I hear it no
more."*

Christian Stewardship

Tithing—1 Corinthians 16:1-2.

1. Positive—"as I have given order."
2. Personal—"let every one of you."
3. Private—"lay by him."
4. Periodical—"upon the first day of the week."
5. Prospective—"that there be no gatherings when I come."
6. Proportional—"as God hath prospered."

Faith for Desperate Days

Opal Lenore Gibbs

He gives us faith in the desperate days,
When the drifting clouds begin,
And the fog of a veiled uncertainty
Creeps up on the soul within.

He gives us peace in the desperate days,
When men's hearts fail for fear,
When the mart is pillaged by hands of blood
And the breadwinner's heart is sore.

He gives us joy in the desperate days,
Though many a face is lined
With furrows plowed by the shard of pain,
Ere the warrant of death be signed.

He gives us hope in the desperate days,
The hope of the midnight cry —
Oh, our heads lift up, and our hearts are
glad
As the Coming One draws nigh!

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FEDERATION

Editor Mrs. Josef B. Haave, — Rose Valley, Saskatchewan.

"Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Matthew 25:21.

"Thou hast been faithful over a few things," it says. That is just our difficulty. But you who think that you have received only a few things and that therefore it is difficult for you to say or do anything in the kingdom of God, have you not noticed how much of Jesus' precious time was occupied with doing favors for people, showing them love?

You have received the love of Jesus. It is part of your talent. Make use of it and you will perform a service in the kingdom of God the value of which you can scarcely realize. What a service do you not render God and your fellow men by being friendly, friendly in your home and friendly at your work, friendly when you are busy and friendly when you are at leisure. Be faithful in the little things!

You have received joy in the Holy Spirit, which is also a part of your one talent. Do you make others happy with it? Is it a part of your daily work to make glad the hearts of others, if not more than one single person?

You have received peace, also a part of your talent. Do you make peace wherever you go? Do you forgive those who offend you? Do you cover up the sins of others rather than broadcast them by slander? Be faithful in little things!

You have received the humble and patient mind of Christ, again a part of your talent. You know that nothing draws others as effectively as a humble mind. Be a savor of a sweet smell unto Christ wherever you go.

You who think that you must have great speaking ability or much wealth in order to accomplish anything in the kingdom of God, do you not know that the greatest favor you can do a person can be done for him in secret on your knees? And the day that all those with the one talent take up the holy work of intercession according to God's promise, on that day hell will tremble with fright and heaven resound with jubilation.

—Hallesby.

"If God Himself be for me, I may a host defy, For when I pray, before me My foes confounded fly: If Christ, the head, befriend me, If God be my support, The mischief they intend me Shall quickly come to naught." Yes, this is the hymn for March. Have you Ladies Aids been using these hymns at your meetings? All of these hymns are in the Lutheran Hymnary; all but one are also to be found in the New Concordia. Are you familiar with the tunes? Why not begin this year to learn the tunes as well as the words of these well chosen hymns. Here is a paragraph from the pamphlet "A Song in My Heart". "We who are the inheritors of the Lutheran tradition have received from the past a golden legacy of song. Ours has always been a 'singing church', and great composers and poets have made it possible for us to fill our hymnaries with beautiful and inspiring melodies. But as long as these treasures are locked away between the two covers of a book to be taken out occasionally and tried out on Sunday mornings, they will mean little to us as guidance, help, or comfort. We must make them our own — sing them, so to speak, into our very hearts — if they are to follow us and help us in all the vicissitudes of life."

W.M.F. Work in Manitoba

News from Manitoba comes in the form of an interesting letter from Mrs. Bergsagel of Winnipeg. Most of the contents will be quoted here. We note that there is considerable interest in W.M.F. work though as yet no circuit meetings have been held. According to information gathered, there are four Ladies Aids, as follows: Inwood; Bethania at Starbuck; Bethlehem at Dakota; and First Norwegian Lutheran in Winnipeg.

"Mrs. Anna Fossay is president of Bethania Ladies Aid at Starbuck, and this aid has been organized for over forty years. They have been active in church work but carry on as the Ladies Aids did when they

first organized. Mrs. O. T. Rice has a record of over 60 years in Ladies Aid work.

"The Ladies Aid of Bethlehem Congregation, Dakotah, too is an old Ladies Aid. The president is Mrs. Homer Mills. They too, are active in all church work.

"The Ladies Aid of the First Norwegian Lutheran Church of Winnipeg celebrated its fortieth anniversary two years ago. It has been the mainstay of its congregation. The women have worked hard and loyally supported their church. Many of the women are now past seventy and more. We honored two last year and plan to honor two or three more this year with Life Memberships. They like best to carry on as they have done, but as new members take over some changes take place. We pay our membership fee, have Mission Boxes, Self-Denial Offering and Thank-Offering. I believe we will be able to take on the whole W.M.F. program this year. We meet twice a month."

We regret our inability to state any facts about the Ladies Aid at Inwood. It is hoped that the president or secretary will drop us a line about the work of her local Aid.

PENSIONS

As a member of a Christian congregation you are vitally interested in your pastor who ministers to your spiritual needs through the Word of God and the Sacraments. You have called him to be the shepherd of souls in your parish and expect him to devote all of his time, talents and abilities to this service. As a servant of God he is more than happy to give unselfish devotion to this calling and is willing to forego opportunities to accept more lucrative positions for which he could qualify in the business and professional world.

It is therefore a responsibility of the congregation to make it possible for him to retire when he should so that a younger man can take over before there is a serious let down in his efficiency as a pastor. More than that, the community at large will not think much of the Church if it retires an old pastor without making adequate provision for a retirement income. Some pastors have become objects of charity in old age, and their unfortunate situation has been a shameful reflection on the failure of the Church to take care of its superannuated servants.

Through the Pension Plan of our Church it is now possible for every congregation to fulfill its obligation for security in old age to the men who serve them as pastors.

FIRMLY ESTABLISHED

The Pension Plan is not a dream of the future; it is already firmly established and is operating effectively in the fulfillment of its purpose. Since February 1, 1941, over a million dollars in reserves have been built up. The large majority of our pastors and congregations have become premium-paying members.

WHAT W.M.F. CAN DO

The Women's Missionary Federation has been very much interested in the welfare of retired pastors and their wives. This interest has manifested itself in a strong educational program on the need for pensions and in substantial contributions to the cause of pensions through the regular benevolent fund of the Church. It is important that the women continue to give their support in this manner and the Board of Pensions is deeply appreciative of their zealous efforts.

But there is one thing more that can be done by Ladies Aid societies in congregations that have not yet enrolled in the new Pension Plan: The women can assume responsibility for the payment of annual premiums into the new Pension Plan until such a time as the officers of the congregation see fit to put this item on the regular budget of the local church. By this means the Ladies Aid will be fulfilling pension obligations to the present pastor and at the same time will be making a contribution to the Contingent Fund out of which old pastors already retired and widows of pastors are receiving grants. Furthermore, the enrollment of all congregations in the Pension Plan will solve once and for all time the problem of taking care of old pastors and their widows. If your congregation is

Concern for the Unsaved

"Five hundred millions of souls," exclaimed a missionary, "are presented as being unenlightened! I cannot, if I would, give up the idea of being a missionary, while I reflect upon this vast number of my fellow-sinners who are perishing for lack of knowledge. 'Five hundred millions' intrudes itself upon my mind wherever I go, and however I am employed. When I go to bed, it is the last thing that recurs to my memory; if I awake in the night, it is to meditate on it alone; and in the morning it is generally the first thing that occupies my thoughts."

"Then saith he unto his disciples. The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest," Matt. 9:37-38.

"A Christian home always welcomes consideration of the whole missionary program and does not hesitate to give its best for this cause."

My Weakness

Lord, has this sense of weakness come from Thee,
Which oft envelopes, almost stifles me,
That through it I might know Thy mighty power
In which is strength alone for every hour?
Oh, blest relief! I shall not fight it then,
When to my troubled heart it comes again;
I'll look to Thee, my helplessness will own,
Abide in Thee, in Whom is strength alone.
Marjorie Basting.

General Lee's Eloquence

Just at evening, before one of the great battles of the Civil War, Gen. Robert E. Lee, perhaps personally more beloved of his armies than any other military leader, rode out to visit the encampment of some of his most hard-pressed companies. The tired men formed and stood at attention as General Lee, on his famous white horse, rode slowly before the ranks. There was utter silence, as every man saluted. The General rode back along the line. He spoke not a word. With the dignity that never left him, he took off his hat, bowed slightly, and rode away. Suddenly a Georgia sergeant, unable to contain himself any longer, literally burst out of the ranks. "Now then," he shouted, "now then, after what the General said, will you fight, or won't you?" —Christian Advocate.

General Convention of W.M.F.

The W.M.F. meets in General Convention in 1946 June 11th to 18th in Minneapolis. Each Ladies Aid Society is entitled to one delegate to this Convention. Do make an earnest effort to send your delegate. If each Ladies Aid cannot see their way to send a delegate, here is a suggestion. All the Aids within the parish may join forces and send one delegate to represent their parish; pay her fare and see to it that she gets away and brings back a report to all the Aids she is representing. It will be well worth while to the delegate and also well worth while to your local Ladies Aid.

Be sure to reserve room early. Do it now. A clean, quiet, reasonably priced Lutheran Hostel, The Wartburg, 620 Seventh St. South, Minneapolis, may have accommodation for those who prefer a place other than the public hotels of the city.

Pray for the Convention, that God's Kingdom may be ever extended and go forward.

Taber du Vanen af at give, saa taber du Lykken i at leve.

Et Menneskes Hovmod bringer ham Fornedrelse, men den ydmyge vinder Ære.

one of the few that still remain outside of the Pension Plan the Ladies Aid can render a real service to the Church and to its ministry by enrolling in the Pension Plan in behalf of the congregation.

Rev. A. E. Iverson, in News Bulletin.